

## OPINION 1239

ATTELABUS LINNAEUS, 1758 (INSECTA, COLEOPTERA):  
TYPE SPECIES DESIGNATED

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers, the designation of *Attelabus curculionoides* Linnaeus, 1767 as type species of the nominal genus *Attelabus* Linnaeus, 1758 by Latreille, 1810, is hereby confirmed.

(2) The generic name *Attelabus* Linnaeus, 1758 (gender: masculine), type species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Attelabus curculionoides* Linnaeus, 1767, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2177.

(3) The specific name *nitens* Scopoli, 1763, as published in the binomen *Curculio nitens* (the valid name at the date of this ruling of the type species of *Attelabus* Linnaeus, 1758) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2837.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2209

An application for the designation of a type species for *Attelabus* Linnaeus, 1758 was first received from Dr H. Silfverberg on 13 December 1976. It was sent to the printer on 19 April 1977 and published on 1 November 1977 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 34, pp. 189–190. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory periodicals, to eight general and seven specialised periodicals. Dr R. T. Thompson (*British Museum (Natural History), London*) supported the application but pointed out that *Attelabus curculionoides* had been first designated as type species of *Attelabus* not by Schönherr, 1823, as stated in the application, but by Latreille, 1810, *Consid. gén. Crust. Arachn. Ins.*, p. 430. No adverse comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 25 February 1982 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 34, pp. 189–190. At the close of the voting period on 25 May 1982 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty (20) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Alvarado, Mroczkowski, Starobogatov, Willink, Trjapitzin, Tortonese, Halvorsen, Vokes, Habe, Cogger, Bayer, Brinck, Welch, Sabrosky, Nye, Hahn, Heppell, Kraus

Negative Vote — Lehtinen.

Corliss returned a late affirmative vote. Ride was on leave of absence. No voting papers were returned by Bernardi, Binder and Dupuis.

The following comments were sent in by members of the Commission with their voting papers:

*Holthuis*: 'I wonder why the usual formula is not used, viz. suppression of all previous designations of type species and then designation of the species desired. Why is *A. curculionoides* made the type species, and not the one bearing the senior synonym, *C. nitens*?' [These comments were relayed to Dr Silfverberg, who accepted the first (embodied in the ruling) but not the second. R.V.M.].

*Hahn*: 'As I understand this case, Dr Silfverberg asks only for the designation of a type species for *Attelabus*. He does not expressly ask for the junior synonym *Curculionoides* to be given precedence over the senior synonym *nitens*. It would have been better if this latter species had been designated as type species, since it is cited as such in, e.g., Grzimek's *Tierleben*'.

#### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references to names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Attelabus* Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* ed. 10, vol. 1, p. 387

*nitens*, *Curculio*, Scopoli, 1763, *Entomol. Carniolica*, p. 25.

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (82)10 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1239.

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*London*

*23 September 1982*